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Application No.: 10/713,796

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For: FORMATE BASED LIQUID GEL  
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The present paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed March 29, 2006 in connection with the above-identified patent application, having a shortened statutory period of response of three months, which expires on June 29, 2006. Should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for the filing of the present document, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such additional fees to Halliburton Energy Services, Inc., Deposit Account No. 08-0300.

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